N. H. PAMPHLET COLL.

REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR

1856-7.

MANCHESTER, N. H.:
STEAM PRINTING WORKS OF FISK & GAGE.
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ACCOUNTS AND EXPENDITURES.

ALMS HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

1856.				
	EDMUND ADAMS' 3d, BILL.			
Feb. 4	To sawing 4836 feet boards,.....			12 19
	AMOS HASELTINE'S BILL.			
April 19	To sawing 10452 shingles,.....	12 23		
	By oak plank,.....	1 00		11 23
	HIGLEY & PRESCOTT'S BILL.			
	To carding wool,.....			1 28
	HALL & PERKINS' BILL.			
Sept. 4	To 2 bags meal,.....	3 00		
	1 bag rye meal,.....	2 25		5 25
	SMITH & WALLACE'S BILL.			
	To 60 L. S. 7 x 9 glazed, a 7½,.....			4 50
	RODNIA NUTT'S BILL.			
	To the Granite Eagle, on a warrant for a colt,			5 00
	VARICK & CO.'S BILL.			
	To 1 chain pump,.....	2 33		
	18 lbs. nails,.....	81		3 14
	DANIEL BELL'S BILL.			
	To meat at sundry times,.....	31 70		
	butchering cow,.....	50		
		32 20		
	Credit.			
	By 115 lbs. hide.....	8 05		
	work,.....	2 17		
		10 22		21 98

NATHANIEL SLEEPERS' BILL.

	To 6 days' work on the house,.....		7 50

MOSES HALL'S BILL.

1855.			
Oct. 17	To 1 Coffin for J. Carr,.....	3 00	
Nov.	To 7½ days' work on the house,.....	9 37	12 37

This bill was not presented until after the accounts were printed last March.

CHARLES HODGKIN'S BILL.

1856.			
Nov. 8,	To 100 lbs. mackerel,.....		6 00

HENRY WEST'S BILL.

May,	To 1 cow,.....	30 00	
	820 lbs. hay,.....	8 20	
	25½ lbs. ham,.....	3 57	
		41 77	
	Credit.		
	By 4 feet birch wood,.....	1 50	
	labor at sundry times,.....	40 27	
		41 77	0 00

JAMES M. KENT'S BILL.

Feb. 13,	To shoeing ox,.....	25	
" 15,	" horse,.....	50	
" 15,	repairing stove,.....	17	
Mar'h 3,	mending sleigh,.....	37	
" "	" shovel,.....	13	
" 20,	shoeing ox,.....	30	
May 10,	" ox,.....	62	
June 16,	shoeing horse,.....	40	
July 9,	" oxen, ...	1 00	
Aug. 16,	" horse, ...	78	
Sept. 19,	" oxen,.....	67	
Oct. 15,	" horse,.....	30	
Dec. 2,	" "	86	
Dec. 3,	" Oxen, ...	1 56	
Dec. 27,	mending chains,.....	09	
1857.			
Jan. 13,	" crank,.....	13	
Jan. 31,	Shoeing horse.....	50	
			8 63

RUFUS GRIFFIN'S BILL.

1856.			
March 26,	To piece standing wood,.....		75 00

WM. H. HILL'S BILL.

	To recording deed, ...		42

THOMAS S. MORSE'S BILL.

Aug. 18,	To making coffin for J. Berry,.....	2 00	
	7 days work on house, ...	8 75	
	14 clapbords,.....	21	
			10 96

1856. J. S. EMERY'S BILL.

March 19,	To mending shoes,		34	
Oct. 22,	mending shoes for J. Dunlap,		92	
Nov. 26,	" " " "		25	
			——	1 51

1856. N. E. P. UNION, DIV. 373, BILL.

Sept. 1,	To 12 lbs nails,		54	
	10 lbs nails,		55	
Oct. 25,	2 bags meal,	3 50		
29,	3 yds cassimere,	2 25		
31,	2 bags meal,	3 50		
	2 quarts oil,		48	
	1 bag salt,		25	
	9½ pounds sugar,	1 00		
Nov. 7,	pair boots,	2 75		
14,	2 quarts oil,		48	
	hank linen thread,		05	
20,	46 pounds flour,	2 00		
	2 pounds soap,		18	
28,	8 pounds coffee,	1 00		
	bushel T. I. Salt,		60	
	barrel flour,	7 88		
Dec. 10,	9, pounds sugar,	1 00		
23,	½ pound pepper,		10	
	mop handle,		24	
29,	pair shoes,	1 00		
	2 hanks thread,		08	
1857.				
Jan. 14,	barrel of flour,	7 63		
	4 pounds sugar,		48	
28,	4 pounds saleratus,		24	
	24¾ pounds codfish,		99	
	1 corn broom,		25	
Feb. 6,	2 yards bleached sheeting,		20	
	⅜ yard muslin,		12	
	spool cotton,		04	
			——	39 38

1856. RICHARDS & GREENOUGH'S BILL.

Feb. 5,	To 36 pounds flour,	2 00		
	quart of oil,	28 00		
	5 yards calico,	62 00		
	roll tape,		04	
7,	½ pt paregoric,		25	
	bag fine salt,		25	
9,	3 cakes soap,		15	
	110 crackers,		50	
	1 chamber pot,		30	
	2 pounds Y. H. tea,	1 00		
	¼ bushel salt,		34	
12,	2 lbs. sugar,		20	
	3 gallons molasses,	1 38		

	1 barrel flour,	10 75
14,	40 skeins cotton thread,	17
	1 broom,	34
19,	2 pounds sugar,	20
March 1,	24 pounds coffee,	3 00
	2 bushels rye meal,	3 00
	1 pound soap,	10
7,	3 gallons molasses,	1 38
	quart of oil,	28
	8 yards calico,	1 00
	3 yards blue denim,	45
12,	2 lbs Y. H. Tea,	1 00
	4 pounds salaratus,	24
24,	25 pounds of tobacco,	4 17
31,	3 gallons molasses,	1 26
April 8,	2 pounds Y. H. Tea,	1 00
11,	barrel flour,	9 50
19,	12 pounds rice,	78
	5 pounds sugar,	50
	1 chamber pot,	30
	1 " "	25
	1 bushel red top seed,	1 25
	½ bushel herds grass seed,	2 12
	10 pounds northern clover seed,	2 00
26,	plough point,	30
28,	4 pounds nails,	20
	1 pound white lead,	10
	3 gallon molasses,	1 26
May 3,	1 stone bean pot,	25
	1 hoe,	50
	1 pint alcohol,	15
8,	bushel salt,	60
	4 yards calico,	44
	20 lbs. Y. H. tea,	8 40
14,	28 gallons molasses,	10 92
	1 pound pepper,	17
	1 pint spirits turpentine,	10
	20 pounds sugar,	2 00
20,	1 Towns' second reader,	20
	2 pounds nails,	10
22,	6 pounds saleratus,	36
	3 pounds nails,	15
	½ pint Japan,	10
24,	1 bag salt,	25
	½ pound snuff,	14
26,	1 barrel flour,	8 13
	1 pound white lead,	10
	½ pint Japan,	08
31,	1 quart alcohol,	30
June 12,	2 quarts lamp oil,	50
	6 pounds rice,	38
16,	75 pounds corned beef,	6 00
	1 large wash tub,	1 00

	1 water pail,	25
	1 pair shoes,	88
	16 pounds ham,	2 00
19,	10 yards calico print,	1 25
	10 " " "	1 25
	2 hanks cotton,	08
	12 skeins cotton,	06
	1½ ounces linen thread,	15
	6½ yards denim,	81
	¼ gross matches,	13
20,	15 pounds rice,	90
	2 bars soap,	20
	1 cake soap,	06
24,	½ pound castile soap,	08
	1 pint spirits turpentine,	10
	1 pound ginger,	12
29,	2 C. S. scythes,	1 34
	2 rakes,	40
	1 chamber pot,	25
	100 crackers,	50
	¼ pound camphor,	20
	1 quart alcohol,	30
30,	18 pounds sugar,	1 98
	1 broom,	30
	1 hoe,	50
	1 mop handle,	10
July 3,	½ pound tobacco,	12
4,	1 barrel flour,	8 00
	2 bags fine salt,	50
	3 lbs. 10d nails,	15
	1 pint paregoric,	25
5,	100 lbs. codfish,	4 75
	1 C. S. scythe,	67
12,	2 quarts spirits turpentine,	38
21,	1 bag L. Salt,	1 90
31,	10 yards calico print,	1 00
	10 do. do. do.	1 20
	7 do. do. do.	84
	14 do. do. do.	1 26
	15 do. do. do.	1 50
	41½ yards sheeting,	3 54
	6½ doz. buttons,	20
	8 lbs. batting,	80
	20 skeins cotton,	10
	10 qut. bowls,	1 00
	225 crackers,	1 00
Aug. 5,	1 bbl. pork,	23 50
	6 yds. denim,	90
11,	1 bbl. flour,	8 00
	15 lbs. coffee,	1 80
	1 quart alcohol,	30
16,	1 bag Liv. salt,	1 90
	14 coffin screws,	25

	1 light 8 x 10 glass,	04
29,	41 lbs. 4d nails,	2 05
	5 yards denims,	63
	2 lights 7 x 9 glass,	06
Sept. 5,	125 crackers,	50
	4 lbs. saleratus,	24
9,	10 lbs. sugar,	1 00
19,	½ lb. Epsom salts,	03
	1 lb. soda,	07
22,	1 pair boots, (N. Hills,)	2 88
23,	1 door bolt for town house,	17
27,	22 lbs. flour	1 00
Oct. 1,	1 bbl. flour,	8 25
	10 lbs. sugar,	1 10
	½ lb. Epsom salts,	06
	2 quarts oil,	50
3,	2 bed cords,	67
13,	2 bags meal,	3 50
15,	1½ yds, bleached sheeting,	18
	¾ yard muslin,	50
	6 pipes,	04
16,	¾ lb. putty,	06
18,	2 bags corn meal,	3 50
	1 bag rye meal,	2 50
	quart alcohol,	30
	225 crackers,	1 00
22,	15 gallons molasses,	7 30
	2½ yds. cotton flannel,	31
	1 hoe,	50
	100 lbs. D. fish,	4 75
24,	1 lb. putty,	08
29,	pair boots for Estarbrook,	3 00
	bag of meal,	1 75
Nov. 4,	bottle paregoric,	25
	do. ess. peppermint,	12
10,	2 bags corn meal,	3 50
	1 bag rye meal,	2 50
	5 lbs cotton warp,	1 40
	pair women's shoes,	88
14,	4 lbs saleratus,	25
	2 bags meal,	3 50
24,	100 crackers,	50
	1 oz. nutmeg,	09
	¼ lb. cassia,	12
	bag meal,	1 75
	4 bushels shorts,	1 50
	2 lbs. box raisins,	40
Dec. 8,	5 balls wicking,	25
	quart alcohol,	32
23,	bottle olive oil,	30
	bottle castor oil,	12
Jan. 7, '57,	5 lbs. tobacco,	1 00
		$242 80

1856. DR. J. P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

July 5,	To medicine for Philip Flanders,		50
Aug. 6,	" " " "		25
Sept. 11,	" " " "		50
Aug. 12,	" " Mrs. Carr,		25
Oct. 5,	visit and medicine for Jesse Prescott,		75
6,	" " " "		75
7,	visit and tapping " "		2 00
8,	medicine for Jesse Prescott,		75
10,	" " " "		75
Dec. 24,	" " " "		75
Jan. 5, '57,	" " " "		50
30,	" " " "		50
10,	visit and medicine for P. Shea,		75
11,	" " "		75
14,	" " "		75
17,	" " "		75
Feb. 3,	" " "		75
11,	" " "		75
Feb. 14, '56,	visit and medicine for Dolly Gross,		75
March 6,	" " "		75
Aug. 30,	" " "		75
Dec. 17,	" " "		75
Feb. 22,	" " Mr. Berry,		75
March 1,	" " "		75
April 1,	" " "		75
Aug. 12,	Medicine for Mrs. Little,		50
Jan. 1, '57,	" " "		50
31,	" &c. " "		75
			$19 75

GEORGE M. WEST'S BILL.

	Paid John Davis for cheese hoop,	35
June 13,	4 tin pans,	1 00
14,	Abbott & Co., 4 bushels rye,	4 00
	Putney & Co., 10 yards cloth,	1 00
July 1,	C. C. Parker for scythe and sneath,	1 50
	P. J. Horne for 600 lbs. plaster,	2 75
	Eastman & Co. for one pan,	13
8,	H. Ball for 1 axe and 8 plates,	75
26,	J. Thissell for 50 lbs. fish,	2 00
Nov. 16,	G. Dinsmoor for 2 bags meal,	3 50
26,	J. Ordway for a pair of shoes,	1 58
Dec. 2,	M. Webster for horse to Haverhill, and killing hogs,	1 50
Dec. 2,	Mrs. Clay for coffin,	2 50
	Thomas McDuffee for 200 lbs. fish,	2 50
	Lewis Kimball for a pig,	2 50
	P. Morse for 2 pigs,	4 50
	A. Haselton for meal,	14 92
	H. A. Hall for labor,	1 00
	J. S. Emery for a cow,	35 00
	A. Morse for 106 lbs. fish,	2 12

Jan.	J. S. Couch for 5 bushels rye,.....	6 25	
	P. Haselton for mending harness,.....	1 70	
Feb. 6,	Mrs. Clay for a coffin, ...	2 50	
	E. Morse for use of bull,.....	75	
	To myself and wife's services from April 1, 1856, to April 1, 1857,.....180 00		
			$276 30
			$765 19

Credit.

By cash received of D. Bell for 3 calves,.....	12 00	
I. R. West for 8 lambs, ...	24 00	
G. Swain for horse to Haverhill, ...	1 00	
E. Coolidge for 4 pair feeting,.....	2 00	
S. Kendall for labor,.....	3 00	
G. M. West by labor, ...	3 00	
For 50 feet boards, ...	50	
E. Childs for labor,..... ...	2 00	
David Shaw for work, ...	3 35	
Labor as agent on road,.....	28 00	
Auburn for support of paupers,.....134 25		
County of Rockingham do., ...144 84		
Drawn from the treasurer to balance, ...407 25		
		$765 19
The standing wood bought,.....	75 00	
Additional cow,.....	35 00	
Moses Hall's bill, 1855,.....	12 37	
Mrs. Clark's board due from Noah Clark, ...	26 00	
		$148 37
Deduct this amount from the amount drawn from the treasurer, and it gives the actual expense of the poor, (including about $50 repairs on house,) which is...		258 88

CHESTER, Feb. 10, 1857.

This day met at the Alms House and took account, which was as follows :—One yoke of oxen, 5 cows, 1 horse, 10 sheep, 3 shoats.

PROVISIONS.

90 bushels corn on the cob, 6 do. barley, 6 do. beans, 8 do. of oats, 60 do. potatoes, 30 do. turnips, 1¼ bbl. pork, ½ do. beef, 70 lbs. ham, 40 do. lard, 30 do. butter, 70 do. cheese, 12 do. tallow, 2 bbls. cider, 2 do. vinegar, 7 tons hay, 4 M shingle, 5 M boards.

Average number of paupers at Alms House during the year, 17.—Present number, 16. Two belong to Auburn, 4 to the county.

The following is a list of inmates now in the Alms house, with their ages :—

Nelson Hills,	39	Charles Morse,	4
Elisabeth M. Little,	76	Joel Estabrook,	69
Abigail Lane,	49	Joshua Little,	58

Abigail Bryant,	33	Philip Flanders,	56
Sally Wharf,	68	Nancy Clark,	86
John Dunlap,	67	Philip Shea,	66
Hannah Morse,	30	Ann Simonds,	44
Mary J. Morse,	9	Jesse Prescott,	62

POOR OFF THE FARM.

Div. 379, *Bill.*

For articles furnished the Robinson Family, ... 26 00

Richards & Greenough's Bill.

For sundries furnished the Robinson family, ... 23 60

Div. 373. *Bill.*

For sundries furnished the Robinson family, ... 15 64

Wm. T. Green's Bill.

For 1 cord slabs delivered to Robinson family, ... 2 50

Benjamin Hill's Bill,

For 2 cords hard wood delivered to Robinson family, ... 7 00

Charles Stevens' Bill.

To 1 cord hard wood for Robinson family, ... 4 00

Dr. Whittemore's Bill.

To 17 visits and medicine for C. Robinson, ... 12 50

Daniel Bell's Bill.

To 97½ lbs. beef for Robinson family, ... 6 83

Richards & Greenough's Bill.

For sundries furnished the Morse girls, ... 21 95

Div. 373, *Bill.*

For sundries furnished Ednah Morse, ... 5 64

Noah Weeks' Bill.

To 8 cords hard wood for Morse girls, ...	24 00	
Cutting and splitting wood, ...	4 00	
Repairs on house, ...	1 50	
		29 50

Jacob Chase's Bill.

To 6 feet hard wood for Ednah Morse, ...	2 62	
3 cords pine wood " "	7 50	
		10 12

Dr. Whittemore's Bill.

To 8 visits and medicines for Sarah Morse, ... 6 00

Isaac Plumer's Bill.

For board and nursing Philip Shea 6 weeks, ...	18 00	
Board 5 weeks, ...	7 50	
		25 50

Dr. J. C. Eastman's Bill.

For 5 medical visits to Philip Shea, ... 5 00

[The Robinson family, Morse girls and Philip Shea, are county paupers.]

Div. 373, *Bill.*

For sundries furnished Ephraim Hall,..... 15 81

John White's Bill.

For ½ cord hard wood delivered to E. Hall,..... 1 50

John West's Bill.

To drawing 2 loads wood to E. Hall, ...	1 50	
Cord hard wood,.....	3 50	
7½ lbs. pork,.....	91	
		5 97

Dr. J. P. Whittemore's Bill.

To 5 visits and medicine for E. Hall,..... 2 50

Jonathan Shaw's Bill.

To 1 cord wood for Mrs. Blaisdell, ... 3 25

Jacob Chase's Bill.

To 9 feet pine wood for Mrs. Blaisdell,..... 2 81

Henry Moore's Bill.

To 4½ feet hard wood for Mrs. Blaisdell,..... 2 11

Thomas A. McDuffee's Bill.

1854—To sawing wood for Mrs. Blaisdell, ...	4 37	
1856— " " " "	4 37	
		8 74

Dr. J. P. Whittemore's Bill.

To 7 visits and medicine for Mrs. Blaisdell, ... 3 50

Sandown Bill.

For John Farnum and family while sick in 1856,..... 2 50

Candia Bill.

To board and expenses for Sarah A. Potter,. 46 72

David Currier's Bill.

For board of Ann Simonds 19 days, ... 3 00

Dr. Dearborn's Bill.

For the support of John Underhill 52 weeks, ... 26 00

John Lovett's Bill.

To 1 coffin for Sarah Morse,..... ..... 4 00

Wm. P. W. Whittemore's Bill.

To drawing 2 loads wood for Ephraim Hall,..... ..... 1 00

Jonathan Shackford's Bill.

To ½ cord wood for Mrs. Blaisdell,..... 1 50

Amos Green's Bill.

To ½ cord hard wood for Robinson family,.....	2 00	
½ cord hemlock, " "	1 50	
		3 50

T. F. Reynold's Bill.

To $2 cash delivered to Morse girls, ... 2 00

$338 19

EXPENSES FOR BREAKING OUT ROADS IN THE WINTER OF '55 AND SPRING OF '56.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Peter Haselton's bill,	5 00	
Moses Webster's bill,	5 00	
Amos Green's bill,	5 00	
John Sanborn's bill,	2 00	
Joseph Webster's bill,	5 00	
John Stevens' bill,	75	
Josiah I. Hall's bill,	5 00	
Benjamin Davis, Jr.'s bill,	6 00	
George W. Wilcomb's bill,	56	
John S. Emery's bill,	56	
Jonathan Shaw,	4 19	
		$39 06

DISTRICT NO. 3.

John Robinson's bill,	21 10	
James Dunaven's bill,	78	
		21 88

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Calvin Hill's bill,	1 00	
William T. Green's bill,	14 45	
George Wilson's bill,	14 45	
Hiram Basford's bill,	3 00	
		$32 90

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Simon Rowe's bill,		6 24

DISTRICT NO. 7.

David Shaw's bill,		12 68

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Isaac Plumer's bill,	4 00	
William Tenney's bill,	3 75	
Parker Morse's bill,	2 25	
Moses A. Tewksbury's bill,	1 25	
George W. Merrill's bill,	1 25	
		12 50

DISTRICT NO. 9.

John Currier's bill,	2 17	
John S. Robinson's bill,	62	
		2 79

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Lewis Sanborn's bill,	4 62	
Josiah R. Sanborn's bill,	50	
James Towles bill,	3 25	
Simon M. Sanborn's bill,	4 70	
Nathaniel West's bill,	2 83	
		15 90

DISTRICT NO. 12.

George Marden's bill,		4 00

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Cyrus Lane's bill,		14 00

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Amos Southwick's bill,	1 50	
Noah H. Weeks' bill,	3 00	
George W. Clark's bill,	4 50	
Samuel W. Edward's bill,	62	
		9 62

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Addison Seavey's bill,	4 85	
George W. Seavey's bill,	4 31	
Simon Haselton's bill,	2 63	
Samuel Rand's bill,	75	
Joseph Smith, Jr.'s bill,	5 33	
Peter G. Smith's bill,	3 00	
Frederic Underhill's bill,	1 50	
Benjamin Moore's bill,	4 50	
George Cammet's bill,	3 50	
Philbrick Rand's bill,	1 25	
Anderson Holman's bill,	6 00	
		37 62

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Samuel Miller's bill,	14 00	
George W. Miller's bill,	5 50	
		19 50
		$228 69

BILLS EXPENDED BY THE AGENTS OF HIGHWAYS DURING THE SUMMER OF 1856, AND THE WINTER FOLLOWING.

District No. 1.—Wm. P. W. Whittemore's bill.

To labor during the summer,	90 47	
breaking out roads,	15 23	
		105 70

District No. 2.—Jonathan Shaw's bill.

To labor in the summer,	62 85	
Joseph Webster's bill—To breaking out roads,	17 52	
		80 37

District No. 3.—Charles S. Wilcomb's bill.

To labor during the summer,	38 48	
breaking roads,	4 18	
		42 66

District No. 4.—Edmund Sleeper's bill.

To labor during the summer,	27 72	
breaking roads,	14 04	
		41 76

District No. 5.—George W. Weeks' bill.

To labor during the summer,.....	37 88	
breaking roads,.....	17 52	
		55 40

District No. 6.—Benj. Wilson's bill.

To labor during the summer, ...	29 00	
breaking roads,.....	1 10	
		30 10

District No. 7.—George M. West's bill.

To labor during the summer, ...	16 00	
breaking roads,.....	12 00	
		28 00

District No. 8.—Isaac Plummer's Bill.

To labor during the summer,.....		23 75

District No. 9.—David Lane's Bill.

To labor during the summer,.....	24 50	
breaking roads,.....	8 50	
		33 00

District No. 10.—Simon M. Sanborn's Bill.

To labor during the summer, ...	26 60	
2 stringers for bridge,.....	15 00	
1 day looking out the same, ...	1 00	
1 white oak for abutments,.....	6 00	
" " "	1 42	
breaking roads, ...	13 30	
		63 32

District No. 11.—John Locke's bill.

To repairing highways, ...	24 50	
216 feet oak plank,.....	5 18	
		29 68

District No. 12.—George Marden's bill.

To repairing highways, ...	23 00	
160 feet 2½ inch plank,.....	4 00	
3 stringers,.....	3 00	
hauling stringers, ...	50	
hauling bridge plank,.....	50	
putting on stringers and plank, ...	3 00	
		34 00

District No. 13.—Cyrus Lane's bill.

To repairing highway,.....	18 00	
25 hours breaking roads,.....	2 50	
paid G. W. Hook for 28 hours, ...	3 50	
		24 00

District No. 14.—Noah Weeks' bill.

To repairing highway,.....		14 00

District No. 15.—George Cammet's bill.

To repairing highway,.....	23 70	
breaking out roads,.....	11 30	
		35 00

District No. 16.—*Samuel B. Miller's bill.*

To repairing highways, ... 10 00

District No. 17.—*Edwin Haselton's bill.*

To repairing highways, ... 9 25

James Towle's bill.

To labor on highway in District No. 10,..... 10 00

$669 99

Peter Haselton's bill.

To balance due grading road in Dist. No. 2, in 1855, 10 00

NON-RESIDENT TAXES WORKED OUT IN 1855.

Charles Coolidge's bill.

To non-resident taxes worked out,..... 5 14

Cyrus Lane's bill.

To non-resident taxes worked out,..... 24

Lewis Sanborn's bill.

To non-resident taxes worked out,..... 95

David Shaw, Jr.'s bill.

To working out non-resident tax,..... 45

6 78

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid Peter Sanborn,..... 231 00
William Crawford,..... 499 13

730 13

PRINTING.

Paid Abbott & Warren for printing Town and School Reports, ... 20 00

STATIONERY.

Paid for paper, &c.,..... 1 00

DEBTS PAID.

Paid one year's interest on John Currier's note,..... 65 00
James M. Kent, note and interest,..... 121 17

186 17

James M. Kent's bill.

To time and expenses to Manchester to get Town Report's printed, ... 4 75

TOWN CLERK SERVICES.—*Lucien Kent's bill.*

For services as Town Clerk, ... 10 00

SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.—*L. S. Fletcher's bill.*

For the support of Teachers' Institute,..... 19 80

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—*Lauren Armsby's bill*

For services as Superintending School Committee, ... 10 00

POSTAGE.—*A. S. Dearborn's bill.*

Feb. 17. To postage to date,		82

AWARD FOR LAND TO STRAIGHTEN HIGHWAY.

Josiah I. Hall's bill,		7 00

Joseph W. Clement's bill.

To examining records of the town of Hill, on pauper case for Chester,		3 00

ATTORNEY'S SERVICES.

D. & D. J. Clark's bill for advice,	2 00	
W. W. Stickney's bill for advice,	1 00	
		3 00

Joseph Dane's bill.

To toling bell for Mrs. Potter,	50	
" " " Miss Morse,	50	
taking care Town Hall,	3 25	
		4 25

HEARSE AND GRAVE TOOLS.

Samuel C. McDuffee's bill.

To taking care hearse and tools,		2 00

John Kelley's bill.

For expense of surveyor to perambulate town line,		2 12

Josiah Hoitt's bill.

For taking affidavitt of Phillip Shea,		34
Money raised in school District No. 4, to pay David Pillsbury and Jacob Green,		142 70

REMITTANCE OF TAXES.

Ezra Willet,	2 23	
John Boynton, (paid in Mass.)	2 23	
Ephraim Hall,	2 69	
Albert Besse,	2 23	
Zillah Hills,	88	
Ziba Hills,	10	
Stage horses in 1855,	95	
George Cammet, (horse died,)	38	
		11 69

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid District	No. 1,	183 79	
	No. 2,	85 52	
	No. 3,	109 26	
	No. 4,	52 70	
	No. 5,	33 78	
	No. 6,	54 92	
	No. 7,	61 92	
	No. 8,	77 09	
	No. 9,	32 68	
	No. 10,	34 54	
	No. 11,	38 37	
Auburn,	No. 1,	10 54	
			775 11

TOWN HALL.

Oct. 20, 1856.	Cash received for Town Hall,	1 50	
25,	" " " " "	1 50	
Nov. 12,	" " " " "	50	
Dec. 18,	" " " " "	1 00	
		4 50	
Paid for glass,		1 56	
		2 94	

COLLECTOR'S SERVICES.—*John Morse's bill.*

To collecting $3456 05, at 1 3-10 per cent, ... 44 93

TOWN TREASURER.—*Parker Morse's bill.*

For services as Town Treasurer, ... 5 00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENCES.

1856.	*John S. Brown's Bill.*			
Dec. 21	To furnishing room, and dining selectmen and collector,.	2	00	
1857.				
Jan. 17	Room for selectmen and horse keeping,..		75	
Feb. 3	Dining selectmen and room,	1	63	
13	" " " collector,	2	00	
21	" " " auditors,	2	50	
				8 88
1856.	*Parker Morse's Bill.*			
April	To 4 dinners while taking invoice,	1	00	
	1 dinner while on south road,		25	
	12 dinners for selectmen,	3	00	
	Horse and carriage to Auburn,		50	
	Dinner and Horse bating,		37	
	Expenses in Dist. No. 4,		37	
July	Horse and wagon to Manchester,	1	50	
	" " Exeter,	1	50	
	Expenses to Exeter,		50	
Oct. 23	Horse and wagon to Atkinson,		70	
	" " Hudson,	1	50	
	Expense while preambulating Town Line	1	50	
Nov. 13	Expense to Portsmouth for County money	4	00	
1857.				
Feb. 9	Horse and sleigh to Manchester,	1	50	
				18 19
1856.	*T. F. Reynold's Bill.*			
March 17	To Horse and Sleigh to Candia,		56	
April	Cash paid while taking invoice,	1	50	
July 25	Horse and wagon to Candia,		64	
1857.				
Feb. 4	Horse and sleigh to Candia,		56	
	Expenses paid while on Town business,..	1	42	
				4 68
1856.	*Henry Moor's Bill.*			
April	To expenses taking invoice,	1	25	
	" in Dist. No. 4,		25	
				1 50
				$33 25

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

1856. *Parker Morse's Bill.*

March 15	To 1 day at alms house, looking at wood lot,	1 00
	One half day at alms house, and getting deed of wood lot,	50
	1 day preparing invoice book,	1 00
April 1,2,5&7	Taking invoice,	4 00
	1 day on South road,	1 00
11, 12 and 14	Copying Invoice,	3 00
15	1 day making taxes,	1 00
17, 18 and 19	Making taxes,	3 00
21 and 22	Making warrants for highway,	2 00
25	1-2 day distributing warrants,	50
May 7	1 day on school Dist No. 7,	1 00
	3 days making return of Inventory for 1855 and '56, for use of State,	3 00
14	1 day at Auburn on school Dist. No. 3..	1 00
June 16	1-2 day at alms house,	50
28 and 30	Taking invoice, and making taxes for dist. No. 4,	2 00
July 1	1 day making takes and collector's book,	1 00
	1 day at Manchester,	1 00
Sept.	1-2 day on pauper case,	50
13	1 day at Exeter,	1 00
Oct. 3	1-2 day at alms house,	50
17	1 day preparing warrant and check list,	1 00
23	1-2 day at Atkinson,	50
28	1-2 day preambulating line,	50
Nov. 5	1 " " "	1 00
7	1 day on pauper case,	1 00
10	1-2 day taking affidavits County paupers,	50
10	1-2 day making county bill,	50
13 and 14	At Portsmouth for County money,	2 00
26	1-2 day on road business,	50
Dec. 4	1-2 day town buisiness,	50
13	1 day settling town accounts,	1 00
29	1-2 day revising Juror Box,	50
1857.	3 days settling town accounts,	3 00
Feb. 10	1 day at alms house,	1 00
16	1 day preparing accounts for press,	1 00
17	1-2 day settling with collector,	50
18 and 19	Preparing accounts for press,	2 00
20	1 day making Treasurer's accounts,	1 00
21	1 day with auditors,	1 00
	1 day making warrant and check lists,	1 00
	1-2 day correcting check list,	50
		$49 00

1856. *T. F. Reynolds's Bill.*

March 15	To 1 day at alms house,	1 00
17	1-2 day to Candia,	50
18	" " furnish goods for Robinson family,	50
24	1-2 day to furnish wood for Robinson family,	50
25	1-2 day to examine road,	50
29	1-2 day on town business,	50
April 1,3,4&5	4 days taking invoice,	4 00
7 and 8	2 " " "	2 00
13 and 15	2 " copying "	2 00
17, 18 & 19	3 days making taxes,	3 00
21	1 day making taxes,	1 00
22 and 23	Filling surveyors warrants,	2 00
25	1 day delivering Surveyors warrants,	1 00
26	1-2 day to furnishing supplies for Morse girls,	50
May 3	1-2 day on pauper case,	50
7	1 day with Derry selectmen on town business,	1 00
14	1 day with Auburn selectmen on town business,	1 00
31	1-2 day at alms house,	50
June 28 &30	Appraising school district No. 4, and making taxes,	2 00
July 23	1-2 day examining records,	50
25	1 " " " at Candia,	1 00
Aug. 2	1-2 day on pauper case,	50
5	1-2 day to Parker Morse's on town business,	50
9	1-2 day on pauper business,	50
Oct. 1	1-2 day to examine road, on complaint,	50
6	1-2 day on pauper case,	50
9	1-2 day to furnish supplies to Miss Morse,	50
11	1-2 day at alms house,	50
17	1-2 day posting up warrants for town meeting,	50
31	1-2 day at alms house,	50
Nov. 1	1-2 day correcting check list,	50
5	1 day preambulating line between Chester and Derry,	1 00
8	1-2 day collecting bills of county paupers,	50
11	1 day to examine road on complaint, and town business,	1 00
20	1-2 day at alms house,	50
26	1-2 day to John Hall's on road business,	50
Dec. 6	1-2 day on town business,	50
13	1 day at J. S. Brown's settling bills,	1 00
18	1-2 day to Miss Morse's,	50
19	" at alms house,	50
29	" revising Juror box,	50

1857.			
Jan 17	1 day settling bills,.....	1 00	
Feb. 3	" " "	1 00	
4	1 day to Candia, to pay S. A. Potter's bill,.....	1 00	
5	1-2 day to furnish supplies for Miss Morse,	50	
6	1-2 day to furnish wood for Robinson family,.....	50	
10	1 day at the alms house, ...	1 00	
13	1 day at J. S. Brown's settling bills,....	1 00	
17	1-2 day settling with collector,.....	50	
21	1 day with auditors,.....	1 00	
	1 day preparing accounts for press,.....	1 00	
	1 day making check list and warrant,...	1 00	
	1-2 day correcting check list,.....	50	
			47 00

1856. *Henry Moor's Bill.*

March 15	To 1 day at alms house,.....	1 00	
April 1	1 day taking invoice,.....	1 00	
2	" " "	1 00	
3	" " "	1 00	
4	" " "	1 00	
7	" " "	1 00	
May 7	1 day with Derry selectmen,.....	1 00	
28	1 day taking invoice in Dist. No. 4,.....	1 00	
30	" " " " "	1 00	
June 11	1-2 day at alms house,.....	50	
Oct 28	1-2 day preambulating town line between Chester and Derry,.....	50	
Dec. 13	1 day settling town accounts, ...	1 00	
29	1-2 day regulating Juror box,.....	50	
			11 50
			107 50

TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH PARKER MORSE, TREASURER.

1856. To paid net expenses of town farm,	407	25
Paid net expense of poor off the farm,	338	19
Breaking out roads in '55 and '56,	228	69
Agents of highways,	669	99
Peter Haselton's Bill,	10	00
Non-resident taxes worked out,	6	78
State and County taxes,	730	13
Town and school reports,	20	00
Stationery,	1	00
Debts paid,	186	17
James M. Kent's bill,	4	75
Town Clerk's services,	10	00
Teacher's institute,	19	80
Superintending School Committee,	10	00
Postage,		82
Award to land holders,	7	00
Joseph W. Clement's Bill,	3	00
Attorney's Services,	3	00
Joseph Dane's bill,	4	25
Grave and Hearse tools,	2	00
Expense of Surveyor,	2	12
Josiah Hoitt's bill,		34
School district No. 4,	142	70
Remittance of taxes,	11	69
School Money,	775	11
Collector's services,	44	93
Treasurer's services,	5	00
Selectmen's expenses,	33	25
Selectmen's services,	107	50
Auditor's services,	3	00
In the hands of the treasurer and collector,	768	98
	$4557	44

CREDIT.

Received of Alfred S. Dearborn,		100 00
State Literary fund,		96 32
County for paupers,		154 12
Nathaniel Sleeper,		6 00
State Rail road tax, not received,		
Tax list for 1856,		3456 05
In hands of Treasurer, March, 1856,		690 56
For use of Town Hall,		2 94
Received of Town agent,		51 45
		4557 44

The town owes the following debts :— Interest cast to the first of March, 1857.

Note to Josiah Seavy, at 5 per cent.,		1455 97
" Lucian Kent,		249 30
" Jacob Chase,		124 65
" School District No. 4,		158 20
" John Currier at 5 1-2 per cent.,		1326 00
		3314 12

The following sums are due the Town :

Note against A. S. Dearborn,	180 99	
Due from N. Clark for the support of his mother,	26 00	
In the hands of Treasurer and Collector,	768 98	
		$975 97

Due from the Town,	3314 12	
Due to the Town,	975 97	
Balance against the Town,		$2338 15

CHESTER, Feb. 21, 1857.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

JAMES M. KENT,
AUSTIN G. MERRILL,
WM. GREENOUGH,
} Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Chester:—

At the close of the year, the Superintending School Committee respectfully submit their Annual Report.

The present acting members of the Board accepted their place, with the understanding, that, as heretofore, the Chairman should discharge the active duties of the Committee. We regret that, by his removal to Minnesota, the town has been deprived of his valuable services and large experience in the cause of Common School education, and that his duties have devolved on us. Other considerations aside, the loss to our schools of a man so deeply interested in their success, and possessed of advantages which a connection with them of ten years had given him, is a public misfortune.

The teachers for the Summer Term were examined by him, and their schools commenced under his supervision. He also attended the final examination of two of these.

We visited the remaining Summer Schools near their close, and took charge of the Winter Schools as far as the demands of our ordinary vocations permitted. As, for the above reasons, we have had only partial supervision of the Schools, we are unable to give a detailed report of their progress, or to compare the results of this with those of preceding years.

There has been, however, marked evidence that our Teachers have generally labored diligently and successfully, so far as was possible, when so many obstacles to success were to be contended with.

Some have exhibited extraordinary faithfulness—training their pupils so, that, in decent apartments, their schools would have been models.

You have been so fortunate, even with the meagre compensation you allow, and with the wretched accommodations you afford, in all but three of the Districts, to secure the services of some Teachers who in devotedness to their calling and in efficiency in the successful management of their schools, are second to none in New England. The services of such Teachers cannot be over-estimated.

The Winter Schools, except in districts No. 1 and 11, were taught by females. This is good policy in the more remote districts, where the scholars are small; but in districts where too many of the boys obtain the most of their schooling in the street, the store, or the stable, there is need of the strong arm of an efficient master.

We will not, however, dwell upon those features of our schools which commend them to the favor of the friends of our free institutions. They must continue to be, as they have been, the chief source of whatever education most of your youth obtain. We have reason to believe that Teachers have labored diligently, and their pupils have manifested a commendable degree of interest. How have you, fellow citizens, performed your part? Are the facilities afforded by you, for obtaining a good common-school education, such as the wants of the age demand? are they such that you will permit day after day your children to go up to them—apprehending no detriment to health, or blemish upon morals? Do you make provision sufficiently ample to furnish every child such an education as will give him a respectable standing in community, and shield him from the disadvantages and misfortunes attending ignorance? do you take care that they attend regularly and punctually, that they may lose nothing themselves, nor cause others to be hindered in their progress? These, and questions of like import, it becomes the citizens of Chester carefully to consider.

Let us see how the case stands. You will permit us to talk plainly.

School Money.—The amount appropriated by the Town is only that required by law to be raised, and is not sufficient, even at the low rate of wages paid Teachers, for the purposes of Schooling;—the average length of schools in Town being but a fraction over seventeen weeks, or about one third of the year;—the average wages per month, including board, for male Teachers, $22.50; for female Teachers, $13.96. The disadvantage attending this state of things would be partially removed were a movement inaugurated to re-district the town, and reduce the number of districts to eight,—and less if possible. This would however be inadequate. More money should be raised.

School Houses.—The demolition of the structures which go by this name, and the erection of buildings suitable for school purposes,

is imperatively demanded. Our language would seem harsh should we give a truthful description of the places where your children are confined under the pretext of going to school. The fair fame of our goodly town is at stake. The passing stranger will judge of the intelligence of a community by the means provided for imparting instruction. Coming into Town from whatever direction, he will find only three of the eleven districts provided with suitable school rooms. Let an imperfect glance at two or three of the houses suffice, with slight variations, for all the old structures.

On one of the main thoroughfares will be found a house, without play-ground, placed lower than the street, to which the *descent* is easy, especially in winter, by reason of the ice,—where one must be careful "lest he catch a slip;" and the interior evidently planned for a place of torture both to teacher and scholars.

Another, in an adjoining district, on a side hill in a pasture, supported by four cobble stones, guiltless of weather-boards, and ventilated by jack-knife and boot-heel, stands as a monument of what tender children are sometimes made to endure to save a few dollars. And that, at the head of the street, where it stands unprotected by tree or shrub, and exposed, in summer, to the sun's fiercest rays, and in winter, to the coldest blasts, is not calculated to impress the beholder with a lofty idea of the interest we take in the education of youth.

The house in district No. 1, fell a victim, in its *old age*, to the devouring element. But the Providence, which thus visited us in mercy, came also in wrath, and by the destruction of the store adjoining, was lost to the town thousands of dollars. Add to this the consequent loss of business, the anxiety and distress caused to individuals, and you have an illustration of that foolish policy which risks thousands in hope of saving a few hundred.

Yet worse results than these are to be apprehended.

Your dwellings have an air of elegance and comfort which bespeak a thriving population. Your cattle even are sheltered from the cold of winter in well-constructed stables. Yet you allow your children to attend school where hardly a farmer in town would willingly let his stock be wintered, and where yourselves could not sit an hour without intense pain. You labor diligently to amass wealth that you may provide for your children when they shall be deprived of your care. Yet you suffer them to incur the risk of distorting limbs, of ruining health, of blighting morals, by keeping them "cabined, cribbed and confined" in low-posted rooms, on hard benches, with straight backs, and by not providing suitable out-buildings. These things ought not so to be.

Attendance.—Much of the benefit which might be derived from our schools is lost by irregularity in attendance. The percentage of attendance is about 78, equivalent to the non-attendance of 100 of

the 470 scholars whose names appear on the Registers of both Summer and Winter Terms.

The Registers are also sadly disfigured by tardy marks, and where it is otherwise, a comparison of the Registers will show that this is owing to the efforts of Teachers rather than of the parents.

You can readily estimate the disadvantages to the pupil, and, if you will reflect, the hindrance to the progress of others which this state of things causes. If there were no other considerations, than the irregular habits which such a course helps to form, parents should guard against indulging their children in such a course. We shall look to see the child who is habitually tardy or irregular in his attendance at school, in manhood under the influence of these habits, an annoyance to all punctual business men who have dealings with him, and behindhand in everything.

As complete a statistical table is appended as the Registers—which in some instances are incomplete—will allow.

Teachers are not entitled to pay for their services until *complete* returns are made to the Committee, and if Prudential Committees would decline paying their bills before their approval by the Supt. Com.—after the Registers have been examined—correct returns would be secured.

In taking leave of you, fellow citizens, and of the schools, your Committee feel how important are the duties which have been entrusted to them, and how imperfectly, for reasons before stated, they have been discharged.

The claims upon us, in other spheres of duty, render it necessary that, hereafter, the supervision of the Schools be entrusted to others. We would advise those having the appointing power another year, to select some one for Committee who can devote to the Schools the time which their importance demands, and we would suggest that ample compensation be given for such services.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. WHITTEMORE,
D. D. PATTEN, } Committee.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

	Districts,	Scholars between 4 and 16 years of age.	Whole number who attended school.	Average attendance.	Instances of dismissal.	Instances of tardiness.	Wages of teachers per month, including board.
FIRST TERM.							
Lydia A. N. Webster,	1	48	49	38	73	144	16 50
Francis O. Sanborn,	2	20	20	17	8	7	12 00
Caroline M. Brown,	3	45	45	40	34	4	15 00
Rosetta Wason,	4	15	16	14	30	34	13 68
Mercy J. Hall,	5	12	15	12	36	27	13 00
Luella J. Chase,	6	26	26	21	32	14	11 80
Elisabeth B. Coolidge,	7	42	43	35			14 00
L. A. Knowles,	8	22	23	19	31	40	14 00
Angelia Wason,	9	14	16	15	8	13	13 00
Sarah J. French,	10	15	16	12		7	12 33
SECOND TERM.							
G. F. Marble,	1	*					
Elisabeth B. Coolidge,	2	22	26	24			12 00
Emily J. Hazelton,	3	56	62	38			22 20
Luella J. Chase,	6	31	32	22	13	8	13 32
Elisabeth B. Coolidge,	7	41	41	33			14 00
L. A. Knowles,	8	25	26	18	54	57	14 00
J. Frank Fitts,	11	18	21	15			†12 80

*School discontinued on account of the destruction of the school house by fire.
†Exclusive of board.